

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

1. ORDERED THAT the sum of \$29,700.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

Reserve For School Special Custodial
(Acct # 24553108-449700)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

2. ORDERED THAT the IT Department prepare a cost analysis for the Board of Aldermen for laptops versus paper.

3. ORDERED THAT the sum of \$50,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account.

Law Department for Special Services
(Acct # 11510002-538000)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

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CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCEPTED 4-15-09

MEMBERS

William Zaskey, Chairman
Shane Brooks, Vice-Chairman
James Tillotson
George Moreau
Dino Brunetti
John Vieau
Fred Krampits

MINUTES

February 11, 2009

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present

Zaskey, Brooks, Tillotson, Brunetti, Krampits, Moreau, Vieau

Also Present

Alderman Zygarowski, Dan Garvey, Thomas Rooke, Sue Phillips, William O'Grady, Kate Brown, Jim Dawson, Anna Wrzesinski, Micheal Lareau and Ron Simard

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

ITEM #1

ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$29,700.00) BE AND HEREBY IS APPROPRIATED TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED ACCOUNT:

RESERVE FOR SCHOOL SPECIAL CUSTODIAL
(ACCT # 24553108-449700)

SAID AMOUNT IS TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE "FREE CASH" ACCOUNT.

Ron Simard stated this money hires the summer help and interns through this account along with carpets and wall panels in classrooms, repairs in school fields, lumber for sheds made by vocational students at high schools. They also just replaced Bellamy's intercom system. He also stated to clear up any confusion; this account does not pay custodians. It is used for maintenance purposes only

Alderman Vieau asked if there are any more plans in the near future

Ron Simard stated they are planning on bleachers for Bellamy Middle School and Bowe Elementary.

Alderman Zygarowski stated the account already holds 1.8 million but is coming and asking for about 30,000. Stated he feels before this is approved they should look at the agreement.

Motion made by Alderman Tillotson to table.

Motion passed. Committee vote: 7-0 favorable

ITEM #2

ORDERED THAT the IT Department prepare a cost analysis for the Board of Aldermen for laptops versus paper

Mike Lareau stated he doesn't know the exact cost of paper vs. laptops but the laptops will cost \$1,482.00 per laptop with a total cost of \$19,266.00 for all 13. They are not the best laptops but also not the worst. They come with a 4yr warrantee, access to internet varies to whether who has wireless at their home, Verizon etc.

Alderman Tillotson stated if the board starts using email it will save money

Mike Lareau added along with time efficiency

Alderman Vieau asked if there are any other communities doing this

Mike Lareau answered not as of the City paying for the entire expense

Alderman Vieau stated with today's economy he isn't in favor of it, at least not yet.

Mike Lareau stated if anything, they can just create email from own computers.

Dan Garvey stated the fiscal year of 2008 for paper only:

- City Hall- total of \$7,143.00.
- Clerks Office- total of \$927.00
- Aldermanic Office- total of \$232.00

Motion made by Alderman Tillotson to vote unfavorably

Motion passed. Committee Vote: 7-0 Unfavorable

Motion made by Alderman Tillotson to recess and move into Executive Session at 7:01PM

Motion passed. Committee Vote: 7-0 favorable

Returned from recess at 8:06PM

ITEM # 3

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Motion made by Alderman Brunetti to approve

Motion passed. Committee Vote: 7-0 Favorable

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.